

281A.170 Form of licenses -- Limitations on licenses -- Expiration.

- (1) The commercial driver's license shall be marked "commercial driver's license" and "CDL" and shall be, to the maximum extent practicable, tamper proof. It shall include but is not limited to the following information:
 - (a) The name and present resident address of the licensee;
 - (b) The licensee's color photograph;
 - (c) A physical description of the licensee including sex, height, weight, and eye color;
 - (d) The licensee's date of birth;
 - (e) The licensee's signature;
 - (f) The class or type of commercial motor vehicle or vehicles that the person is authorized to drive together with any endorsements or restrictions;
 - (g) The name of this state;
 - (h) The dates between which the license is valid; and
 - (i) Any other information required by the cabinet, except for a person's Social Security number.
- (2) A commercial driver's license shall be issued with classifications, endorsements, and restrictions. Vehicles that require an endorsement shall not be driven unless the proper endorsement appears on the license and the applicant has passed the knowledge and skills test required by the State Police.
 - (a) Classifications:
 1. Class A - Any combination of vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of twenty-six thousand and one (26,001) pounds or more, if the gross vehicle weight rating of the vehicle being towed is in excess of ten thousand (10,000) pounds. Licensees with an "A" classification may with the proper endorsement drive Class B and C vehicles.
 2. Class B - Any single vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating of twenty-six thousand and one (26,001) pounds or more, and any vehicle towing a vehicle not in excess of ten thousand (10,000) pounds. Licensees with a "B" classification may with the proper endorsements drive Class C vehicles.
 3. Class C - Any single vehicle with a gross weight rating of less than twenty-six thousand and one (26,001) pounds or any vehicle towing a vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating not in excess of ten thousand (10,000) pounds which includes:
 - a. Vehicles designed to transport sixteen (16) or more passengers, including the driver; or
 - b. Vehicles used in the transportation of hazardous materials which requires the vehicle to be placarded under Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 172, sub-part F, as adopted by

administrative regulations of the cabinet, pursuant to KRS Chapter 13A.

4. Class D - All other vehicles not listed in any other class.
5. Class E - Moped only.
6. Class M - Motorcycles. Licensees with a "M" classification may also drive Class E vehicles.

(b) Endorsements:

1. "H" - Authorizes the driver to operate a vehicle transporting hazardous materials.
2. "T" - Authorizes operation of double trailers and triple trailers in those jurisdictions allowing the operation of triple trailers.
3. "P" - Authorizes operation of vehicles carrying passengers.
4. "N" - Authorizes operation of tank vehicles.
5. "X" - Authorizes operation of combination of hazardous materials and tank vehicle endorsements.
6. "R" - Authorizes operation of all other endorsements not otherwise specified.
7. "S" - Authorizes operation of school buses.

(c) Restrictions:

1. "K" - Restricts the driver to operation of vehicles not equipped with airbrakes.
2. "I" - Restricts the driver to Kentucky intrastate commerce driving.
3. "S" - Restricts the driver to school buses, church buses, buses operated by a mass transit authority created under the provisions of KRS Chapter 96A, buses operated under a nonprofit bus certificate established pursuant to KRS 281.619, and fixed route buses operated by a public entity pursuant to the provisions of KRS Chapter 281.
4. "L" - Shall not include a Class "A" bus.
5. "J" - Shall not include a Class "A" or "B" bus.
6. "O" - Shall not include tractor, semitrailer style vehicles.
7. "Z" - Exempt intracity zones for commercial vehicles.
8. "0-9" - Other restrictions.
9. "A" - Restricts the driver to operation of vehicles equipped with an automatic transmission because the person conducted the required skills test in a commercial vehicle equipped with an automatic transmission. A person wanting to remove this restriction in order to operate a vehicle with a manual transmission shall be required to successfully complete a skills test while operating a commercial vehicle equipped with a manual transmission.

- (3) Within ten (10) days after issuing a commercial driver's license, the cabinet shall notify the commercial driver's license information system of that fact, providing all information required to ensure identification of the person.
- (4) A commercial driver's license issued to a resident pursuant to this chapter shall expire in four (4) years unless the license was issued to a resident under the age of twenty-one (21). A commercial driver's license issued to a person who is not a resident shall be issued for one (1) year and shall not be renewable. The fee for a commercial driver's license issued to a nonresident shall be the same as the fee charged to a resident.
- (5) A person under the age of twenty-one (21) shall not be licensed to operate a Class A, B, or C vehicle unless he has an "I" restriction. A commercial driver with an "I" restriction shall not drive a commercial motor vehicle in interstate commerce, unless he is exempt pursuant to 49 C.F.R. 391.2. A commercial driver under the age of twenty-one (21) shall not be allowed to operate a school bus or a vehicle transporting hazardous material in intrastate commerce.
- (6) The holder of a commercial driver's license shall be considered to hold a valid Kentucky driver's license issued under the provisions of KRS 186.412.

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